

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1        1.        A system for capturing electronic receipts; said system comprising:
  - 2                    a first computer server receiving electronic correspondence and
  - 3                    parsing said electronic correspondence to identify commercial data
  - 4                    related to a commercial transaction; and
  - 5                    program code residing on said first computer server for creating
  - 6                    receipt data by extracting said commercial data from said electronic
  - 7                    correspondence.
- 1        2.        The system of claim 1 wherein said first computer server permits display of
- 2                    said receipt data.
- 1        3.        The system of claim 1 further comprising:
  - 2                    a database at said first computer server; and
  - 3                    wherein said first computer server permits alteration of header data of
  - 4                    said electronic correspondence in accordance with data records stored
  - 5                    in said database.
- 1        4.        The system of claim 3 wherein said program code includes instructions for
- 2                    storing said receipt data in said database.
- 1        5.        The system of claim 4 wherein said first computer server permits extraction of
- 2                    said receipt data from said database.
- 1        6.        A method of capturing electronic receipts; said method comprising:
  - 2                    receiving electronic correspondence; and

3                   examining said electronic correspondence to extract commercial data  
4                   related to a commercial transaction.

1           7.       The method of claim 6 further comprising updating header data of said  
2                   electronic correspondence.

1           8.       The method of claim 7 wherein said updating header data includes:  
2                   querying a database of address data; and  
3                   altering header data of said electronic correspondence in accordance  
4                   with a result of said querying.

1           9.       The method of claim 6 wherein said examining includes:  
2                   querying a database of template data; and  
3                   comparing said electronic correspondence with said template data  
4                   obtained from said querying.

1           10.      The method of claim 6 further comprising:  
2                   providing a database for storing receipt data; and  
3                   storing identified commercial data as receipt data in said database.

1           11.      The method of claim 9 further comprising:  
2                   if said comparing does not identify said electronic correspondence as  
3                   containing said commercial data, parsing said electronic  
4                   correspondence to create parsed data; and

5                   examining said parsed data to extract said commercial data, if said  
6                   parsing results in an identification of said commercial data in said  
7                   electronic correspondence.

1           12.    A system for capturing data from electronic correspondence; said system  
2           comprising:

3                   a first computer server receiving electronic correspondence;  
4                   a database having data records accessible to said first computer server;  
5                   program code residing on said first computer server for parsing said  
6                   electronic correspondence to identify data content; and  
7                   additional program code for extracting said data content in accordance  
8                   with instructions contained in said data records.

1           13.    The system of claim 12 wherein said first computer server permits display of  
2           said data content.

1           14.    The system of claim 12 wherein said first computer server permits alteration  
2           of header data of said electronic correspondence and wherein said first  
3           computer server forwards said electronic correspondence to a second  
4           computer server in accordance with instructions contained in said data  
5           records.

1           15.    The system of claim 12 wherein said program code includes instructions for  
2           storing said data content in said database.

- 1           16.    The system of claim 15 wherein said first computer server permits extraction  
2                   of said data content from said database.
- 1           17.    The system of claim 12 wherein said first computer server permits alteration  
2                   of said instructions contained in said data records.
- 1           18.    The system of claim 12 wherein said electronic correspondence contains data  
2                   content related to an e-receipt.
- 1           19.    The system of claim 12 wherein said electronic correspondence contains data  
2                   content related to contact information.
- 1           20.    The system of claim 12 wherein said electronic correspondence contains data  
2                   content related to news.
- 1           21.    The system of claim 12 wherein said electronic correspondence contains data  
2                   content related to a securities market.
- 1           22.    The system of claim 12 wherein said electronic correspondence contains data  
2                   content related to a schedule.
- 1           23.    A method of capturing electronic data; said method comprising:  
2                   maintaining a database of data records;  
3                   receiving electronic correspondence; and  
4                   examining said electronic correspondence to extract data content in  
5                   accordance with instructions contained in said data records.

- 1           24.    The method of claim 23 further comprising updating header data of said  
2                   electronic correspondence.
- 1           25.    The method of claim 24 wherein said updating header data includes:  
2                   querying a database of address data; and  
3                   altering header data of said electronic correspondence in accordance with a  
4                   result of said querying.
- 1           26.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes:  
2                   querying a database of template data; and  
3                   comparing said electronic correspondence with said template data.
- 1           27.    The method of claim 23 further comprising:  
2                   providing an additional database for storing said data content; and  
3                   storing said data content in said additional database in accordance with  
4                   instructions contained in said data records.
- 1           28.    The method of claim 23 wherein said first computer server permits alteration  
2                   of said instructions contained in said data records.
- 1           29.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes extracting data  
2                   content related to an e-receipt.
- 1           30.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes extracting data  
2                   content related to contact information.

1           31.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes extracting data  
2                   content related to news.

1           32.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes extracting data  
2                   content related to a securities market.

1           33.    The method of claim 23 wherein said examining includes extracting data  
2                   content related to a schedule.

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